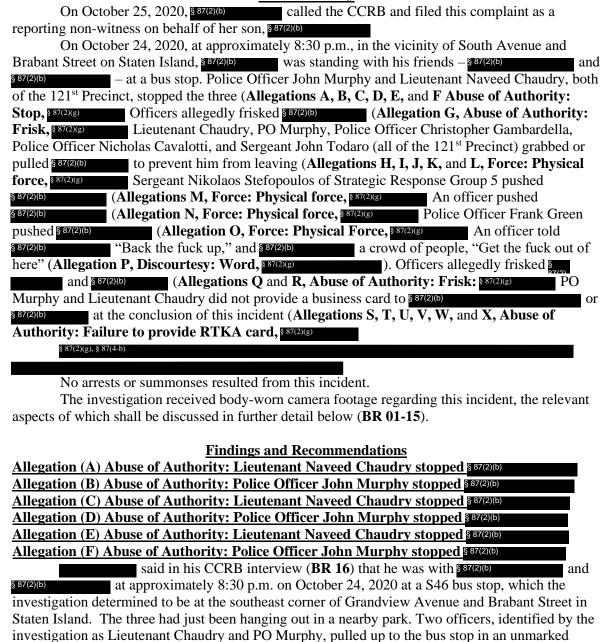
CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator:		Team:	CCRB Case #:	v	Force	$\overline{\square}$	Discourt.	U.S.
Ethan Waterman		Squad #10	202007100	Ø	Abuse		O.L.	Injury
Incident Date(s)		Location of Incident:	•	F	Precinct:	18	Mo. SOL	EO SOL
Saturday, 10/24/2020 8:30 PM		South Avenue and Bral	bant Street		121	4,	/24/2022	5/4/2022
Date/Time CV Reported		CV Reported At:	How CV Reported:	<u> </u>	Date/Time	Rece	eived at CCF	RB
Sun, 10/25/2020 4:03 PM		CCRB	Call Processing System		Sun, 10/25	/2020	0 4:03 PM	
Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Addre	ess					
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Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command					
1. Officers								
2. SSA John Todaro	05234	903307	121 PCT					
3. PO John Murphy	20986	944718	121 PCT					
4. LT Naveed Chaudry	00000	917057	121 PCT					
5. POM Christophe Gambardella	29782	966071	121 PCT					
6. POM Nicholas Cavalotti	10540	960344	121 PCT					
7. SGT Nikolaos Stefopoulos	04686	944294	SRG 5					
8. An officer								
9. PO FRANK GREEN	05220	949058	SRG 05					
Witness Officer(s)	Shield N	o Tax No	Cmd Name					
1. POM Joseph Perfetto	03325	949473	121 PCT					
2. POM Tommaso Frasca	09755	963524	121 PCT					
3. POF Talia Figueroa	26729	965098	121 PCT					
4. POM Charles Carlino	03641	941502	121 PCT					
5. POM Steven Hernandez	15050	964057	121 PCT					
6. SGT Marisol Deleon	01352	928569	121 PCT					
Officer(s)	Allegatio	on			Inve	stiga	ntor Recon	nmendation
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C.LT Naveed Chaudry	Abuse: Lieutenant Naveed Chaudry stopped § 87(2)(b)	
D.PO John Murphy	Abuse: Police Officer John Murphy stopped § 87(2)(b)	
E.LT Naveed Chaudry	Abuse: Lieutenant Naveed Chaudry stopped § 87(2)(b)	
F.PO John Murphy	Abuse: Police Officer John Murphy stopped § 87(2)(b)	
G. An officer	Abuse: An officer frisked § 87(2)(b)	
H.LT Naveed Chaudry	Force: Lieutenant Naveed Chaudry used physical force against § 87(2)(b)	
I.PO John Murphy	Force: Police Officer John Murphy used physical force against \$87(2)(b)	
J.POM Christophe Gambardella	Force: Police Officer Christophe Gambardella used physical force against § 87(2)(b)	
K.SSA John Todaro	Force: Sergeant John Todaro used physical force against 87(2)(b)	
L.POM Nicholas Cavalotti	Force: Police Officer Nicholas Cavalotti used physical force against §87(2)(b)	
M.SGT Nikolaos Stefopoulos	Force: Sergeant Nikolaos Stefopoulos used physical force against an individual.	
N. An officer	Force: An officer used physical force against an individual.	
O.PO FRANK GREEN	Force: Police Officer Frank Green used physical force against an individual.	
P. An officer	Discourtesy: An officer spoke discourteously to individuals.	
Q. Officers	Abuse: Officers frisked §87(2)(b)	
R. Officers	Abuse: Officers frisked §87(2)(b)	
S.LT Naveed Chaudry	Abuse: Lieutenant Naveed Chaudry failed to provide § 87(2)(b) with a business card.	
T.PO John Murphy	Abuse: Police Officer John Murphy failed to provide with a business card.	
U.LT Naveed Chaudry	Abuse: Lieutenant Naveed Chaudry failed to provide with a business card.	
V.PO John Murphy	Abuse: Police Officer John Murphy failed to provide §87(2)(b) with a business card.	
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X.PO John Murphy	Abuse: Police Officer John Murphy failed to provide § 87(2)(b) with a business card.	
§ 87(2)(g), § 87(4-b)		

Case Summary



The investigation was unable to contact solutions regarding this incident.

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PO Perfetto's (**BR 18**) and Sergeant Todaro's (**BR 17**) testimonies are generally consistent and thus shall be discussed together. In their CCRB interviews, PO Perfetto and Sergeant Todaro told the investigation that at approximately 8:20 p.m., they were in the vicinity of Harbor Road and Brabant Street in Staten Island observed an SUV pull into the driveway of a private residence. The

black Ford sedan and an officer from the sedan asked them if "everything was good." The three said, "Yes." The officer said, "Just making sure" before adding, "We have to tell you something." The three replied that they did not have to tell them anything and proceeded to walk to the S48 bus stop at the southeast corner of South Avenue and Brabant Street. Lieutenant Chaudry and PO Murphy followed them in their vehicle to the S48 bus stop. Four unmarked vars arrived at the location. Officers then approached the three boys and told them that they needed to speak to them.

two saw four black males, all approximately 15-18 years old, exit the SUV and walk away from the vehicle. Sergeant Todaro described the attire of three of the males as follows: one male wore a blue sweatsuit, another wore a black sweatsuit, and another wore a grey or white sweatsuit. PO Perfetto described the attire of two of the males as follows: one wore a black sweatsuit and another wore an all-grey sweatsuit. The apparent homeowner of the private residence came outside and told PO Perfetto and Sergeant Todaro that the parked SUV was not his car. PO Perfetto told the investigation that he ran the license plate for the SUV and discovered it was stolen. The homeowner showed the two officers images from his Ring camera that captured the four black males. Sergeant Todaro and PO Perfetto put a description over the radio of the four males that they saw with the vehicle and their direction of flight. Sergeant Todaro put the description over the radio for the officers to conduct a canvass of the area.

At 8:20 p.m., an EVENT regarding a vehicle larceny in progress was created on the authority of Sergeant Todaro (**BR 19, BR 38**). The EVENT description, which is based off information Sergeant Todaro provided over the radio: "looking for [males] ... in [regards] to [vehicle larceny in progress] ... [stolen vehicle] ... perp fled [from] Union [Avenue] ... [possibly] going [towards] ... Harbor Rd/Brabant ... 4 [male black] ... 1 [wearing] all [grey] jump suit ... 2nd [wearing] all [white] or [grey] jumpsuit ... navy [blue] hoodie ... [baseball] cap [with] orange symbol ... [white sneakers]... all [approximately] 16-18 [years old]..."

To return to PO Perfetto's and Sergeant Todaro's CCRB statements: within minutes of putting the description over the radio, they received a call from another unit. The unit, which listed its location as South Avenue and Brabant Street (approximately three to four blocks away from where the stolen car had been abandoned), told the officers that there was a group of teenagers who matched the description put over the radio. The unit asked PO Perfetto and Sergeant Todaro to come to the location to verify whether the teenagers were the suspected perpetrators of the car theft.

Lieutenant Chaudry's (BR 20) and PO Murphy's (BR 21) testimonies are generally consistent and thus shall be discussed together. In their CCRB interviews, Lieutenant Chaudry and PO Murphy said that they were patrolling when they received a phone call from PO Perfetto and Sergeant Todaro. In sum and substance, PO Perfetto and Sergeant Todaro told Lieutenant Chaudry and PO Murphy that four teenage males had fled from a stolen vehicle in the vicinity of Union Avenue and Journeay Street in Staten Island. Lieutenant Chaudry recalled the description provided as follows: four teenaged males who went towards Harbor Road and Brabant Street, one wearing white sneakers, one wearing a dark or navy blue sweatshirt, one wearing a grey or white sweatshirt. PO Murphy recalled the description provided as follows: four black males, one wearing a black jumpsuit (a jumpsuit comprising either a jacket and pants or a hoodie and pants), one wearing a grey jumpsuit (which, given the time of evening and lighting conditions, could have been black), one wearing white sneakers, and one wearing a black jumpsuit. PO Perfetto and Sergeant Todaro told the officers that they provided these descriptions based off Ring camera footage they reviewed at the location of the stolen car. Lieutenant Chaudry and PO Murphy then canvassed the area. PO Murphy saw three male teenagers who appeared to be between the ages of 14 and 18 years old standing by a bus stop at Grandview Street and Brabant Street, approximately three to four blocks away from where the stolen vehicle had been abandoned. Lieutenant Chaudry said that two of the males wore dark clothing whereas the third wore a white sweatshirt. Lieutenant Chaudry also said that at least one of the males wore white sneakers. PO Murphy said that the three males all had dark hoodies and dark pants, two of them wore white sneakers, and one of the three individuals had a white symbol on their dark hoodie. Both officers said that these three males matched the description provided by PO Perfetto and Sergeant Todaro. Lieutenant Chaudry and PO Murphy drove by the teenagers on Grandview Street before pulling a U-turn. The three males were no longer at the bus stop. Lieutenant Chaudry and PO Murphy proceeded to drive towards South Avenue on Brabant Street. PO Murphy saw the teenagers at another bus stop on the southeast corner of South Avenue and Brabant Street. PO Murphy exited the car and approached the teenagers. At this point, PO Murphy was conducting a level 3 Terry stop (the three individuals matched the description and

where in the proximity of the location of the grand larceny auto). PO Murphy asked the three individuals to stand with him until another officer could come by. Lieutenant Chaudry told PO Perfetto that he had found three males who might match the description, hung up the phone, and exited the car.

PO Murphy and Sergeant Todaro prepared three stop reports regarding this incident (**BR 22**). For all three reports, the narrative is the same: "At [8:24 p.m. at South Avenue and Brabant Street] while canvassing for a 10-32 of a vehicle at Harbor Rd. and Brabant St.[,] description read 4 male Blacks approximately 16-18 years old[,] one wearing all grey jumpsuit[,] the second wearing all white or grey jumpsuit[,] third wearing a black jumpsuit with white sneakers white symbol on baseball cap and they fled on Brabant from Harbor Road towards Mariners Harbor. Undersigned did observe 3 [Black males] 3pprox.. 17 [years] old[,] two wearing all black jumpsuits and one wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt C/O South Avenue and Brabant which is three blocks away from occurrence. All three suspects were stopped in regards yielding negative results." The stop reports also list the stop being based on a radio run, that the crime suspected was grand larceny auto, and that the factors leading to the stop were: "matches a specific suspect description, proximity to the scene of a crime."

PO Murphy's BWC (**BR 01**) between the 01:00 and 01:10 timestamps confirm that the clothing description as noted in the stop reports is generally accurate. One young black male wore a black North Face hoodie and dark sweatpants. Another young black male wore a white hoodie, dark pants, and white sneakers. The third young black male wore a black hoodie and dark pants. All three had their hoods up. The primary difference between what is shown on BWC and what is described in the stop reports is that BWC does not show any of the three teenagers to be wearing hats.

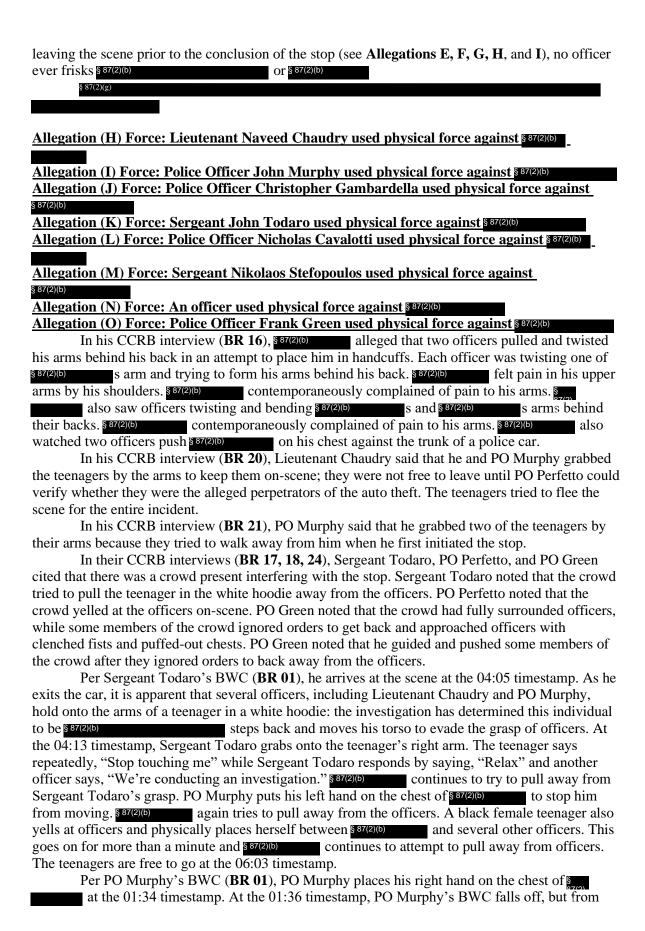
Per <u>People v. Peterson 110 A.D. 3d 1103</u> (**BR 23**), officers have reasonable suspicion to stop individuals based on the general similarity of the individual's physical characteristics to the description of the offender broadcast in police radio calls, and the observation of the individual in close spatial and temporal proximity to the crime.

§ 87(2)(b), § 87(2)(g)
Allegation (G) Abuse of Authority: An officer frisked 887(2)(b)
Allegation (Q Abuse of Authority: Officers frisked §87(2)(b)
Allegation (R) Abuse of Authority: Officers frisked 887(2)(b)
In his CCRB interview (BR 16), \$87(2)(6) alleged that when officers first stopped
everyone, a white officer with short hair patted down \$87(2)(b) on the chest and stomach. The
officer did not go into \$87(2)(b) s pockets but patted down the outside of his pockets.
saw a pair of white officers pat down \$87(2)(b) after pushing him against the trunk of
a police car. The two officers patted him down on the stomach, chest, back and legs. \$87(2)(6)
saw two to three officers pat down \$87(2)(b) on the stomach, chest, back and legs.
The stop reports prepared by PO Murphy and Sergeant Todaro (BR 22) noted that none of
the stopped individuals were frisked.
In their CCRB interviews, Lieutenant Chaudry (BR 20) and PO Murphy (BR 21) said they

capture the entire incident (BR 01, 14). While several officers grab the three to stop them from

The investigation received 13 BWC videos regarding this incident, and in combination they

never frisked anyone during this incident, nor did they see any other officers do so.



the vantage point of the asphalt one can see §37(2)(b) back away from police officers. At 03:04, after PO Murphy has put his BWC back on, a male teenager in a black North Face hoodie reaches between Sergeant Todaro and § 87(2)(b) Sergeant Stefopoulos pushes this teenager back. Per Lieutenant Chaudry's BWC (BR 01), he grabs the arm of the teenager in the black North Face hoodie at 01:33 but the teenager continues to walk away from him. Per PO Gambardella's BWC (**BR 01**), he grabs the arm of § 87(2)(b) timestamp as § 37(2)(b) tries to walk away. PO Gambardella says repeatedly, "Just stay here." It is clear through the 03:30 timestamp that §87(2)(b) physically attempts to evade police custody, and that at least three women actively intervene in the police investigation by standing between officers and the three stopped individuals. Per PO Cavalotti's BWC (BR 01), he immediately comes to assist Sergeant Todaro in restraining \$87(2)(b) at the 01:10 timestamp. When \$87(2)(b) tries to jump-step away from officers at 01:30, PO Cavalotti holds onto \$87(2)(6) s waist to prevent him from moving. Per Sergeant Stefopoulos' BWC (**BR 14**), he pushes the teenager in the black North Face hoodie three times between 01:00 and 01:25 timestamps, prefacing each push with commands to "Back up," commands with which the teenager does not comply. Another Strategic Response Group officer then pushes the teenager in the black North Face once after prefacing that push with a "Back up" command with which the teenager does not comply. Between the 01:40 and 01:50 timestamps, PO Green twice pushes §87(2)(b) in a black sweatshirt while telling the individual to back up; the individual responds both times by jutting his chest forward and raising his hands. The investigation requested BWC from all SRG 5 Staten Island officers and returned negative results absent that of Sergeant Stefopoulos (BR 25). None of the BWCs capture the nameplate, tax number, or shield of the SRG officer who pushed the teenager in the black North Face hoodie. In none of the BWCs do officers attempt to place any of the stopped individuals in handcuffs. Per Patrol Guide Procedure 221-01 (BR 26), members of service must consider the following criteria regarding the reasonable use of force: the nature and severity of the crime/circumstances; actions taken by the subject; duration of the action; immediacy of the perceived threat or harm to the subject, and/or bystanders; whether the subject is actively resisting custody; whether the subject is attempting to evade arrest by flight; number of subjects in comparison to the MOS; subject's violent history, if known; presence of hostile crowd or agitators; subject apparently under the influence of a stimulant/narcotic which would affect pain tolerance or increase the likelihood of violence. § 87(2)(b), § 87(2)(g)

Allegation (P) Discourtesy: An officer spoke discourteously to individuals.

These allegations originate from BWC review. Per Sgt. Stefopoulos' BWC (**BR 14**), at the 01:40 timestamp, a voice says, "Back the fuck up," twice. Per Lieutenant Chaudry's BWC (**BR 01**),

at the 03:50 timestamp, a voice tells the dispersing crowd, "Get the fuck out of here." While both statements are audible in the BWC, neither BWC captures the individual making these statements.

As noted above, the investigation received 13 BWC videos regarding this incident. In none of the videos do the recorders make these statements.

The investigation interviewed PO Green as a potential subject for both statements, as he did not activate his BWC during this incident (see **Allegation Z**) and was present on-scene when both statements were made. In his CCRB interview (**BR 24**), PO Green said that he did not recall using any profanity during this incident and did not remember saying specifically "Back the fuck up" or "Get the fuck out of here." After reviewing the BWCs that capture these allegations, PO Green said that he did not believe it was his voice that made these statements and did not know whose voice it could be.

Allegation (S) Abuse of Authority: Lieutenant Naveed Chaudry failed to provide with a business card.

Allegation (T) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer John Murphy failed to provide with a business card.

Allegation (U) Abuse of Authority: Lieutenant Naveed Chaudry failed to provide with a business card.

Allegation (V) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer John Murphy failed to provide with a business card.

Allegation (W) Abuse of Authority: Lieutenant Naveed Chaudry failed to provide with a business card.

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Allegation (X) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer John Murphy failed to provide sar(2)(5)

with a business card.

It was undisputed that no one received a business card regarding this incident.

In his CCRB interview (**BR 20**), Lieutenant Chaudry said that towards the end of the stop, he feared that he was losing control of the scene. While additional officers had arrived, the stopped individuals continued to try to break away from officers while the crowd infiltrated the officers' perimeter – one woman was able to walk through all the officers and speak face-to-face with one of the stopped individuals. Thus, once PO Perfetto confirmed that the three stopped individuals were not the ones captured on the Ring camera footage, Lieutenant Chaudry ordered officers to get back in their cars and leave the scene. The stopped teenagers did not receive any business cards – as they were trying to break away from the officers to leave, as they wanted nothing to do with officers, there was no opportunity to provide business cards to the teenagers. The crowd further complicated things: they represented a threat to public safety, a threat to which Lieutenant Chaudry responded by ordering the officers back in their cars and to leave the scene.

The stop reports prepared by PO Murphy and Sergeant Todaro noted that business cards were not offered to the persons stopped because they walked away from officers (BR 22).

Per PO Cavalotti's BWC at the 01:55 timestamp (**BR 01**), the teenagers and the crowd – which numbered about seven or eight people – walked away immediately upon being allowed to leave and continued to yell at officers while walking away.

Per New York City Administrative Code 14-174 (**BR 39**), officers are to offer a business card at the conclusion of a stop. Per Patrol Guide Procedure 203-09 (**BR 27**), officers are to offer a business card at the conclusion of a stop except when exigent circumstances are present. Examples of exigent circumstances include physical resistance, flight, imminent danger of physical injury or damage to property, or other factors that may make such a procedure impractical.

§ 87(2)(b), § 87(2)(g)

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	This is	Civilian and Officer CCRB Histories the first complaint to which [S87(2)(b)] has been a party (BR 29).
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•		the first complaint to which §87(2)(b) has been a party (BR 32).
•		nant Chaudry has been a member of service for 25 years and has been a subject in four
		complaints and five allegations, none of which were substantiated. § 87(2)(g)
•		valotti has been a member of service for five years and has been a subject in two CCRB
	compla	aints and four allegations, none of which were substantiated. § 87(2)(g)
•	PO Ga	mbardella has been a member of service for three years and this is the first CCRB
		aint to which he has been a subject.
•	•	urphy has been a member of service for 14 years and has been a subject in four CCRB
	compla	nints and 10 allegations, none of which were substantiated. § 87(2)(g)
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•		nt Stefopoulos has been a member of service for 14 years and has been a subject in 16 complaints and 59 allegations, eight of which were substantiated or cited.
	CCKB	201409178 involved substantiated allegations of force – hit against inanimate object,
	O	threat of force (verbal or physical), and discourtesy – word. The Board recommended
		charges and Sergeant Stefopoulos was found not guilty at trial.
	0	201411079 involved substantiated allegations of a frisk and search (of person). The
		Board recommended Command Discipline A and the NYPD imposed formalized
		training.
	0	201608641 involved a substantiated allegation of a stop as well as citations for failure to document strip search and failure to produce stop and frisk report. The Board
		recommended and the NYPD imposed Command Discipline A.
	0	§ 87(2)(g)

- Sergeant Todaro has been a member of service for 28 years and has been a subject in 18 CCRB complaints and 52 allegations, seven of which were substantiated.
 - 200400822 involved a substantiated allegation of a retaliatory summons. The Board recommended charges whereas the NYPD imposed instructions.
 - 200603776 involved substantiated allegations of a frisk, question and/or stop, and threat of arrest. The Board recommended charges whereas the NYPD imposed no disciplinary action.
 - 201401094 involved substantiated allegations a frisk, premises entered and/or searched, and a search (of person). The Board recommended charges. An APU trial found Sgt. Todaro guilty. Sgt. Todaro forfeited four vacation days.

○ § 87(2)(g

Mediation, Civil, and Criminal Histories

- This complaint was not suitable for mediation.
- As of August 23, 2021, the New York City Office of the Comptroller has no record of any Notices of Claim being filed regarding this incident (**BR 33**).

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